

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

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**Subject: Executive Board Ratification of a Two-Year Interagency Agreement
With the California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans) to Continue
Providing Technical Support for Permit Processing**

Date: May 4, 2010

Executive Summary

In July 2007, the Executive Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into an interagency agreement with Caltrans for ABAG/SFEP to provide technical resources to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board-Region 1). The contract's scope of work covered staff assistance with preliminary review and processing applications for 401 Water Quality Certifications, Waste Discharge Requirements, programmatic maintenance, water quality protection activities under Caltrans' National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits and waivers and other Water Board authorizations required for Caltrans projects and activities. ABAG also has an MOU with the North Coast Water Board which describes the framework for these support services and was also approved by the ABAG Executive Board on July 19, 2007.

Recommended Action

We request ratification of a new inter-agency agreement with CalTrans to continue providing technical support to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. The agreement is in the amount of \$ 445,758 and the agreement term is April 1, 2010 – April 1, 2012. This assures continued funding for the current full-time staff currently providing these services. No ABAG match is required. The project will assist with implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary.

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